

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a plurality of requests for unicast transmission streams;
providing the plurality of unicast transmission streams;
synchronizing the plurality of unicast transmission streams, wherein
synchronizing the plurality of unicast transmission streams is performed by slowing
down one or more of the unicast transmission streams; and
replacing the synchronized plurality of unicast transmission streams with a
multicast stream.
- 2-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a single movie provider and a single
movie theater share a single encryption key not shared by any other movie provider and
movie theater.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of unicast transmission
streams contain a single pre-recorded event.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of unicast transmission
streams are started at different times.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 11, further comprising:
delivering the plurality of separate unicasts to a plurality of unicast recipients.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 11, further comprising:
receiving a plurality of requests for the unicast from a plurality of unicast
requestors.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8,~~ A method, comprising:
synchronizing a plurality of separate unicasts, wherein synchronizing the plurality of separate unicasts includes differentially adjusting a delivery rate of each unicasts so that the unicasts converge at similar point within a predetermined time frame; and
converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast, wherein the unicasts have been converged at the same point within each unicast.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8,~~ A method, comprising:
synchronizing a plurality of separate unicasts, wherein synchronizing the plurality of separate unicasts ~~comprises~~ includes dynamically altering each unicast in an undetectable manner so that each of the plurality of unicasts converge at a similar point within each unicast; and
converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast, wherein the unicasts have been converged at the same point within each unicast.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 8,~~ A method, comprising:
synchronizing a plurality of separate unicasts; and
converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast, wherein the unicasts have been converged at the same point within each unicast by determining when the plurality of unicasts have converged to the same point[[:]] and converting each of the plurality of unicasts into a single multicast.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 11, wherein converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast comprises:
terminating each of the plurality of synchronized unicasts; and
replacing each of the terminated plurality of synchronized unicasts with a multicast.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[8]] 11, wherein converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast, wherein the single multicast replaces the plurality of unicasts.

17-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
delivering the plurality of separate unicasts to a plurality of unicast recipients.

22. (New) The method of claim 12, further comprising:
receiving a plurality of requests for the unicast from a plurality of unicast requestors.

23. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast comprises:
terminating each of the plurality of synchronized unicasts; and
replacing each of the terminated plurality of synchronized unicasts with a multicast.

24. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein converging the plurality of synchronized unicasts into a single multicast, wherein the single multicast replaces the plurality of unicasts.

25. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
delivering the plurality of separate unicasts to a plurality of unicast recipients.

26. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
receiving a plurality of requests for the unicast from a plurality of unicast requestors.